



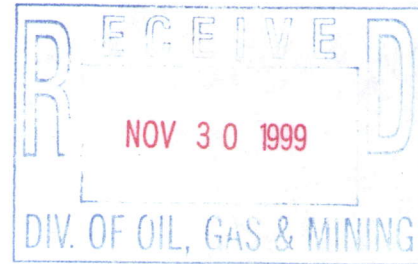
REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
1325 J STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814-2922

November 22, 1999

Regulatory Branch (199975070)

Mr. Ron Ryan  
SF Phosphate Limited Company  
9401 North Highway 191  
Vernal, Utah 84078-7802



Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am writing to inform you that an individual permit application is required for activities at the SF Phosphates mine site north of Vernal. This mine has been in operation for approximately 40 years and encompasses approximately 23 square miles.

Originally, you requested nationwide general permit number 26 authorization for impacts to isolated wetlands and headwater streams associated with enlargement of the tailings dam and phosphate mining and disposal operations. Based on our review of your activities, this nationwide general permit is not applicable based on its maximum impact limits of 3 acres for wetlands and 500 feet of stream.

I am enclosing an individual permit application booklet and Engineering Form 4345 for your review and completion. A sample permit is included in the booklet. Please note that all drawings must be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper and will be reproduced in black and white. While we have many details of this project, please include all items checked on the enclosed application checklist and an area description for Hole in the Wall Canyon.

After receiving the requested information, we will issue a public notice on your application. Your drawings are used in our public notice. This is the primary method of advising all interested parties of your proposal, and of soliciting their comments and other information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest. For these reasons, and to avoid unnecessary delays in processing your application, all relevant information must be included and adequately shown on your drawings. Because the operation is so large, you may wish to show the project site in multiple sheets (see enclosed example).

Your application cannot be processed until all requested information has been furnished. Please provide this information to us by **December 16, 1999**. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Susan Bachini Nall of this office at telephone (970) 243-1199, extension 16 or the address below.

Sincerely,

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